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STABLE REGULATIONS

The Board of Health of the Town of Rockport, acting under the authority of Sections 31 and 143 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and amendments and additions thereto, and by any other power thereto enabling and acting there under and in accordance there with have, in the interest of and for the preservation of the public health duly made and adopted the following regulations which are additions to the present health regulations.

Section 1. No person shall keep within the limits of this Town, in any building or on any premises of which he may be the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant, any horses without a permit from the Board of Health.

Section 2. All persons shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) horses. See Zoning By-laws of the Town of Rockport, Section V.E.

Section 3. No person shall erect, occupy, or use for a stable, any building in the Town of Rockport unless such use is approved by the Board of Health. The minimum for tie stalls shall be 4 feet by 8 feet. Box stalls shall be 8 feet by 10 feet.

Section 4. Any person who proposes to remodel a building or a portion thereof which is being used as a stable, or who proposes to renovate any existing stable, or who proposes to construct a new building which is to be used in whole or in part as a stable shall prior to such remodeling, renovating or constructing, submit plans in duplicate to the Planning Board and the Building Inspector for their written approval, and thereafter to the Board of Health for final approval. Such construction must begin within 90 days of date of approval.

Section 5. Sanitary Requirements:

- a. Each stable shall be furnished with an adequate and safe water supply, both for feeding and cleaning purposes.
- b. Bedding shall consist of straw, hay or like substances but shall not contain in whole or in part any wool waste.
- c. Each stall in the stable shall be provided with adequate drainage so as to remain dry and clean in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Health.
- d. All manure must be removed from the stalls at least once each day and not be allowed to accumulate in corrals or other areas on the property.
- e. Provisions should be made for the disposal of manure with sufficient frequency and in such a manner as to be satisfactory to the Board of Health, and in such a manner as to prevent the creation of objectionable conditions.
- f. Location of manure pits must be approved by the Board of Health.

- g. In fly breeding seasons, manure shall be periodically treated with chemicals for fly control. Any chemical approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture shall suffice.
- h. Floors shall consist of any material acceptable to the Board of Health.
- i. For ventilation purposes, each stable shall have an effective window area of at least 10% of the total floor area.
- j. Each stable shall be located on land with good drainage and not susceptible to flooding.
- k. Each stable shall be at least 50 feet away from any swamp, stream or pond, and must comply with Zoning Regulations.

Section 6. *(Fees omitted in 5/27/08)*

Section 7. A permit may be revoked or temporarily suspended by the Board of Health upon violation by the holder of any of the provisions of these regulations.

Section 8. A permit to stable or use horses on property is not transferable.

Section 9. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the above regulations or a regulation or order made thereunder, *may* be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for each day such a violation continues.

Section 10. All stables and horses must be licensed by the Board of Health by August 1, 1971, the effective date of the above regulations, and annually thereafter.

Section 11. New stable permits require review and approval by the Board of Health at a posted meeting.

Section 12. The Animal Inspector and Health Agent enforce these regulations on behalf of the Board of Health.

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